Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5, 7, 8, 10-13, and 15-40 are pending. Claims 6, 9, 14, 41, and 42 are cancelled. Claim 26 has been amended. Claim 26 was amended to its original claim scope. Thus, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment raises no new issue and no new matter has been added.

35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 26 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for the reasons stated on page 2 of the Action. In order to expedite prosecution of this application, Applicants have amended claim 26 to its original claim scope and respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter as stated on page 3 of the Action.

Applicants respectfully request that all rejections be withdrawn and solicit a prompt notice of allowability. Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned attorney if there are any other issues outstanding which have not been presented to the Office's satisfaction.

Respectfully submitted,

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